

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS UNDER SCPS AND TSP
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have been implementing various schemes and programmes under Special Component Plan (SCP) and TSP since 1978 for achieving overall development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;
- (b) if so, the schemes/ programmes formulated / being implemented by Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources under SCP and TSP specifying nature, scope and its target fixed therefor;
- (c) the funds requisitioned and procured by his Ministry during VIth, VIIth, VIIIth and IXth Five Year plans for such schemes/programmes;
- (d) the benefits and targets achieved in this regard; and
- (e) the other schemes/programmes being implemented by this Ministry for enhancing employment opportunities for raising economic empowerment of SCs and STs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry has started Implementation of biogas and improved chulha programmes since 1981-82 and 1985-86 respectively, and solar photovoltaic demonstration programme since 8th Plan. These Programmes aim at meeting the energy requirement for cooking, heating and lighting in the rural areas and also incorporate SCP and TSP components to assist beneficiaries belonging to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes. In addition, higher financial support is available under these programmes for SC and ST beneficiaries.

(c)&(d): On an average 15% and 10% of the physical targets and budget allocations under these programmes are earmarked for SCP and TSP respectively. So far about 6.40 lakh biogas plants, 144 lakhs improved chulhas, 94,000 solar lanterns, 41,200 home lighting systems and 436.79 kW solar photovoltaic power plants have been setup under SCP and TSP and a total amount of Rs. 352.18 crores has been allocated/ utilized under SCP and TSP by the Ministry, under these programmes so far.

(e): The Ministry is providing support under various non-conventional energy programmes/projects being implemented through State Government Departments, State Nodal Agencies etc. throughout the country, which in turn generate employment opportunities for people including those belonging to SC, ST and other weaker sections of the society.